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U. S. B. Mint New Orleans
May 29th 1839.

Hon

Levi Woodbury Secy of the Treasry of the U. S.
Sir,

On the 18th inst. I had the honor to transmit you a Copy of a Correspondence that had just taken place between Messrs Ganahl & W. Brodlove the Collector and Edmund Forstall Esq. Treasurer of this Branch Mint, and from the apparent urgency of the case I deem it my duty to address you again on the same subject.

Yesterday a Certificate issued by Mr. Forstall, the Treasurer, to Messrs E. D. Hyde & Co. influential Merchants of this City extensively engaged in the Mexican trade, for a deposit of hammered dollars, deposited in this Branch Mint by them for coinage, was presented for payment agreeably to appointment, which the Treasurer was not able to do, not having received from the Coiner, as he had promised a delivery of coins; the treasurer then observed that the Certificate might be made available if deposited in one of our Banks: to which it was replied - Your Certificates are now refused by every Bank in the City, and the cause assigned is that they can never get paid, when they require the specie, that they send over and over again and receive promises of payment which are never fulfilled.

and that they have no longer any Confidence
in this Branch Mint.

Public opinion is fast arraying
itself against us, and it is evident not only to me but
to all the friends of the administration and of this
Branch Mint, in this City, that, unless there is an
Officer at the head of the Coining department of
energy and fidelity as well as Capacity, this
Branch Mint must inevitably go down.

I remain Your Much Obligated
Humble Servant,
David Bradford
Superintendent.